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PETITION OF TRANSYLVANIA SEMINARY.*

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Transylvania Seminary the 13 day of July 1787.

The Committe formerly appointed to draw up a petition to the Virginia assembly, that the one sixth part of the surveyors fees arising within their district, hitherto applied and appropriated to the use of the College of William and Mary, for the future be paid to the Trustees of the Transylvania Seminary, and by them applied to the use of the said Seminary, having failed so to do; it is therefore resolved that a Committee be now appointed for the purpose of drawing up a petition to the above purport, and that they report the same to this Board at two o'clock tomorrow.

Resolved that Mr. Marshall, Mr. Todd, Mr. Wallace, Mr. Garrard and Mr. Logan be a committee for the above purpose.

It being suggested to the Board that there may be entries and surveys of land within this district which are escheatable 12000 acres of which are appropriated to this seminary; but as it is supposed such lands cannot be regularly escheated, until grants are regularly issued therefor, which will probably never be applied for; they will lapse or be forfeited in such a manner as that private adventurers may re-enter and obtain the same, to the great injury of the Seminary and the District in general.

Resolved therefore that a Committee be appointed to prepare a petition to the Assembly, praying that an act may pass declaring that entries and surveys of land may be escheated in the same manner and for the same reasons as prescribed by law in case of Patented lands. Ordered that the Committee last appointed be a Committee for this purpose also—and ingraft it into the petition which they are directed to prepare.

The Board then adjourned till 10 o'clock tomorrow.

July 19, 1787

The Board met according to adjournment

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*From the original copy transmitted by Rev. Joseph Brown Turner, General Secretary Presbyterian Historical Society, Philadelphia.

The Committ: appointed to draw up a petition to the Assembly of Virginia for the purpose before mentioned—reported that they had prepared the same, and being twice read it was agreed to, and is as follows:

To the honorable the General Assembly of Virginia the petition of the Trustees of the Transylvania Seminary, humbly sheweth:

That the one sixth part of all legal fees received by surveyors are by law *appointed* to the University of William and Mary, a Seminary which we greatly respect, but from which the Inhabitants of Kentucky are too remote to derive any immediate advantage, and as the Legislature have repeatedly manifested the benevolent disposition of providing the means of education within the district, we are induced to pray that you would be pleased to direct that the one Sixth part of the said fees hereafter arising within the said district may be paid by the Survivors of the Several Counties therein to the Trustees of the Transylvania Seminary, for the use and support thereof.

We also beg leave to represent that many entries and surveys of land have been made in the District which may become justly liable to be escheated, through the default of heirs or otherwise. But as it is supposed that such lands cannot be regularly escheated, before grants have been obtained, for which no person is authorized to apply—such lands will lapse or become forfeited in such a way as that other private adventurers may reenter and obtain grants for the same to the great injury of the Transylvania Seminary, the Trustees of which are empowered to appropriate to its use Twelve thousand acres of escheatable lands; we therefore pray that an act may pass declaring that claims to unpattented lands may be escheated in the same manner and for the same reasons as are prescribed by law, in the case of lands for which the titles have been compleated, and that it may be particularly directed how and by whom such escheatable lands may be surveyed or the Surveys returned to the Registers Office, so that a proper grant may issue and your petitioners shall ever pray.

Signed by order and in presence of the Board.

Test. Ebn^{r} Brook clk:

Ordered that the chairman be directed to publish in the Virginia Gazette three weeks previous to the meeting of the Assembly that application will be made by this Board at the next Session to appropriate one sixth of the Surveyors fees arising within this District to the use of the Transylvania Seminary.

A Copy teste William Todd clk

Endorsed

Resolution & Petition
of the Trustees of the
Transylvania Seminary
(A Copy)
For Mr Dan[l] Bryan.

HALL FAMILY OF TACONY, PHILADELPHIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA.

Communicated by DR. J. HALL PLEASANTS, Baltimore, Md.

Elihu Hall[4] (Jacob,[1] Joseph,[2] Ruth[3]) see page 135.

Elihu Hall[4] (Jacob,[1] Joseph,[2] Ruth[3]) is referred to in his father's will as the eldest son, and under the terms of this will received one half of his father's real estate in Cecil County. He appears to have lived in Cecil County as late as 1790 for the first census taken in that year gives the names of three individuals of this name one of whom by exclusion almost certainly is this man. It is known that he was living in Cecil County in 1787, for on October 30th of that year his brother Joseph Hall, of Montgomery County, gave a bill of sale to James Hunt, of Montgomery County, and Elihu Hall, son of Elisha, of Cecil County. This James Hunt was the step-father of Elihu and Joseph Hall. About this same time Elihu Hall got into financial difficulties possibly through gone security for his brother on several bonds. In 1788 Joseph Hall made a deed of trust for the benefit of his creditors (Montgomery County Land Records C, fol. 694 and D fol. 57). This failure may have embarrassed Elihu Hall for in a letter from his father-in-law, James Hunt to Dr. Benjamin